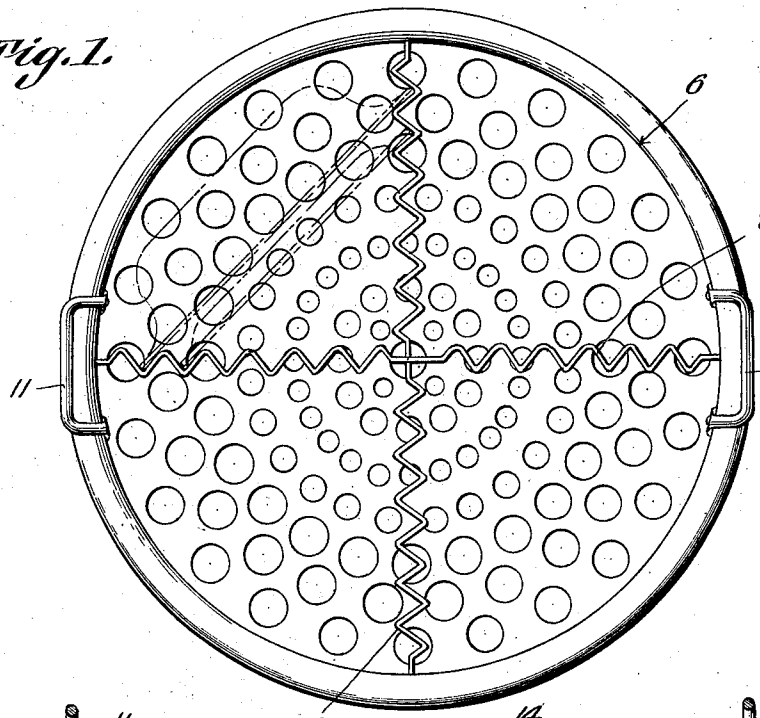
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Fig. 1.



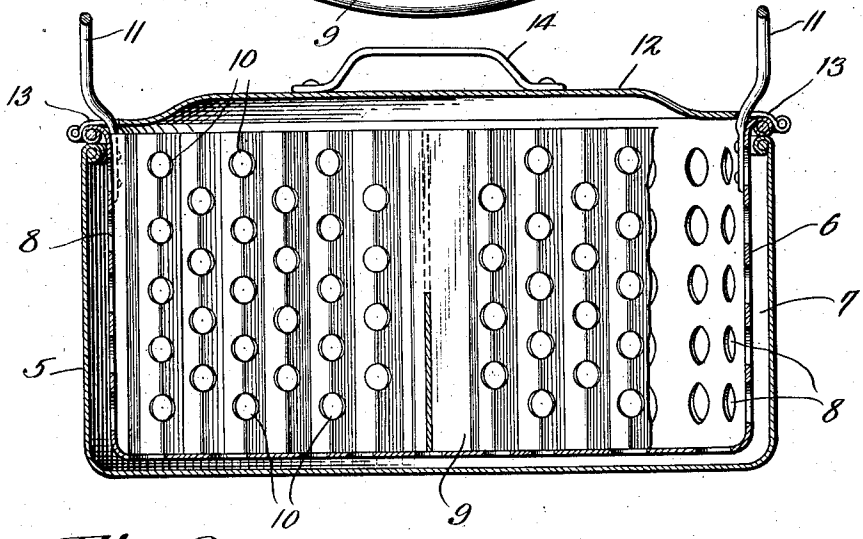


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a device especially designed for washing and sterilizing dishes or the like articles, and aims to provide means to facilitate the washing of dishes, eliminating the necessity of a person placing his hands in the water to wash the dishes.

An important object of the invention is the provision of partitioning members adapted to partition the inner receptacle of the device into compartments, the partitions being so constructed that they provide racks to support the dishes being cleaned, in upright positions.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device of this character including an outer receptacle and an inner removable receptacle, the inner receptacle being provided with openings to allow fluid to pass into the inner receptacle to contact with the dishes supported therein.

Another object of the invention is to provide means whereby the inner receptacle may be moved within the outer receptacle to cause the fluid contained in the outer receptacle to engage the articles supported within the racks.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing fom the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the device, the cover thereof being removed.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through the device.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the outer receptacle is indicated by the reference character 5, the same being constructed in the usual and well known manner and of material commonly employed in the construction of receptacles of this character.

Positioned within the outer receptacle 5, is a receptacle 6 which is smaller in diameter so that when the inner receptacle is positioned, a space 7 will be provided between the outer and inner receptacle so that fluid may pass into the inner receptacle.

The wall of the inner receptacle is provided with a plurality of openings 8 through which openings fluid may pass to engage the surfaces of the dishes supported within the inner receptacle. Removably supported within the inner receptacle are partitioning members 9, which partitioning members are constructed of corrugated material to the end that portions of the partitions, and particularly the corrugated portions thereof will define grooves or racks for the reception of the dishes, which in the present showing are indicated in dotted lines in Figure 1 of the drawing. These partitioning members 9 are arranged to cross each other and divide the inner receptacle into compartments for the reception of the dishes, and it will be seen that due to the arrangement of the partitions, dishes of various sizes may be supported by the racks, the larger dishes being positioned adjacent to the outer ends of the partitions, while the smaller dishes are positioned adjacent to the inner ends of the partitions.

Openings 10 are provided in the partitioning members 9 which openings establish communication between adjacent compartments, so that when the inner receptacle is moved in a horizontal plane within the outer receptacle, fluid may pass from one compartment to the adjacent compartment contacting with the dishes supported therein to cleanse them.

In order that the inner receptacle may be easily manipulated, handles 11 are provided on the inner receptacle, which handles are rigidly connected therewith, to the end that an operator may, by grasping the handles 11 move the inner receptacle back and forth in a horizontal plane agitating the water contained in the receptacle and causing it to strike the plates with force to dislodge the material therefrom.

The reference character 12 indicates the cover for the receptacle, which is provided with cut out portions 13, to allow the cover to be positioned over the receptacle to hold steam within the receptacle and affording means for sterilizing the dishes washed by the device.

The usual handle 14 is provided on the cover whereby the cover may be removed and the contents of the receptacle emptied.

I claim:—

1. In a device of the character described, an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle said inner receptacle having openings to permit fluid to pass thereinto, removable

partitioning members positioned within the inner receptacle, said partitioning members having openings to permit fluid to pass therethrough, and said partitioning members having vertical corrugations to define dish racks.

2. In a device of the character described an outer receptacle and an inner receptacle, said inner receptacle having openings to permit fluid to pass thereinto, partitioning members formed with vertical corrugations and having openings arranged therein, said corrugations defining dish racks, and rigid handles formed on the inner receptacle to permit the inner receptacle to be moved in a horizontal plane.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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